



U.S. History 8

## *Independent Reading Book Report*

### **Quarter 1**

#### **Letter to the Author**

Write a letter to the author that shows your reaction to the book.

- ◄◄ Include all the elements of a friendly letter (date, greeting, body, closing, and signature).
- ◄◄ Include:
  - Your opinion of the book and reasons for your opinion
  - The character in the book you are most like and why
  - Your favorite part of the book
  - At least 5 questions you have about the book

#### **Interview a Character**

- ◄◄ Write out an interview between you and a character in the book.
- ◄◄ Include the following:
  - Write at least 15 questions to ask your character. Then, answer each question as you think the character would respond.
- ◄◄ Provide a “transcript” of the interview.

#### **Draw Important Scenes**

- ◄◄ Identify five important scenes from the book.
- ◄◄ Draw each of those scenes.
  - Drawings should be colored.
- ◄◄ Arrange them in chronological order.
- ◄◄ Write a description of what each scene is and why it is important

#### **Travel Brochure**

- ◄◄ Create a colorful brochure based on the setting of your book.
  - Give reasons people should want to visit this location.
  - Describe what occurred in this location in the book.
  - Include at least 10 important details from the book.

#### **Deadlines:**

- ☐ Get your independent reading selection approved by Mr. Anderson by October 10<sup>th</sup>.
- ☐ Get your book report project approved by Mr. Anderson by October 25<sup>th</sup>.
- ☐ Book report project due by November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Fever, 1793**

Laurie Halse Anderson

In 1793 fourteen-year-old Matilda Cook finds herself in the middle of a struggle to keep herself and her loved ones alive in the midst of the yellow fever epidemic.

### **The Year of the Hangman**

Gary Blackwood

Kidnapped from England to the American colonies, a fifteen-year-old boy becomes part of a story that asks, what if the British had defeated the Americans in 1777?

### **The Arrow Over the Door**

Joseph Bruchac

In 1777, a young Abenaki Indian meets a peaceful young Quaker boy and both come to realize that the way of peace can be walked by all human beings.

### **The Winter People**

Joseph Bruchac

A fourteen-year-old Abenaki Indian sets off to rescue his mother and sisters after his village is destroyed in an attack by British soldiers in 1759.

### **Enemy in the Fort (American Girl)**

Sarah Buckey

Twelve-year-old Rebecca must confront her fear and hatred of the Abenaki when a boy raised by members of that tribe is brought to the fort at Charleston, New Hampshire.

### **The Ransom of Mercy Carter**

Caroline Cooney

After being captured in an Indian attack in 1704, Mercy Carter becomes accustomed to the Kahnawake Indian way of life and wonders if she will want to return to her old life.

### **Copper Sun**

Sharon Draper

Amari's life is shattered when her family is murdered and she is taken aboard a slave ship to the Carolinas and purchased by a plantation owner as a present for his son.

### **I Walk in Dread: the Diary of Deliverance Trembley, Witness to the Salem Witch Trials (Dear America)**

Lisa Fraustino

A young girl becomes ensnared in the tumult and terror of the Salem Witch Trials.

### **Roanoke**

Sonia Levitin

Sixteen-year-old William helps build a settlement in the New World as their leader returns to England for supplies, but upon his return, the colony has vanished.